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R 271042Z MAY 77
FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3269
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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 3350

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, IS, SY
SUBJECT: BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL DEVELOPMENTS: HAVE POSITIVE CERTIFICATES
OF ORIGIN BEEN APPROVED?

1. DURING LAST WEEK'S FINAL LUNCHEON IN DAMASCUS GIVEN BY ARAB
CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE AMBASSADOR WAS
TOLD IN CASUAL CONVERSATION BY AN ARAB INVITEE
THAT DIRGEN ARAB LEAGUE CENTRAL BOYCOTT OFFICE MAHJOUB
HAD MADE SPEECH TO CONFERENCE MAY 17, STATING CATEGORIC-
ALLY THAT POSITIVE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN WERE NOW
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ACCEPTABLE AND NEGATIVE CERTIFICATES NO LONGER REQUIRED.
AMBASSADOR ASKED HOW HE COULD CONFIRM THIS. INTERLOCUTOR
SUGGESTED AMBASSADOR ASK MAHJOUB, BUT AMBASSADOR DECLINED,
POINTING OUT U.S. POLICY ON CONTACTS WITH BOYCOTT OFFICE.
GENTLEMEN THEN IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR ARAB
LEAGUE BOYCOTT OFFICE AND STATE BOYCOTT OFFICE TOOK
DECISION IN FAVOR POSITIVE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN TWT TO

THREE MONTHS AGO.

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN TRYING TO CONFIRM REPORTED
MAHJOUB STATEMENT THROUGH CONTACTS IN PRIVATE BUSINESS SECTOR,
BUT IT APPEARS MAHJOUB MADE SPEECH EXTEMPORANEOUSLY
AND NO TEXT AVAILABLE.

SOME LOCAL BUSINESSMEN AFFIRM THIS DECISION HAD BEEN MADE ABOUT
TWO MONTHS AGO WHILE OTHER CLAIM IGNORANCE OF ANY SUCH DEVELOPMENT.
WE NOTE FINAL STATEMENT OF CONFERENCE MAKES NO REFERENCE TO
CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN.

3. REQUEST ADVICE IF ADDRESSEES HAVE HEARD SIMILAR
REPORT RE CENTRAL BOYCOTT OFFICE SANCTIONING ACCEPTANCE
OF POSITIVE CERTIFICATION.
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